THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN): (a) The Department of Women and Child Development implements the schemes of Balika Samriddhi Yojana (BSY), Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS), World Bank Assisted ICDS-III and ICDS Training under which the funds arc directly allocated to the various State Governments. The details of total amount of funds released to the State Government of Uttar Pradesh under these schemes are as follows:—

(Rupees in lakhs)

Scheme	1997-98	1998-99	1999-2000
Balika Samriddhi Yojana (BSY)	1403.91	872.43	935.09
ICDS	7401.73	7265.52	11349.00
ICDS-III	—	500.00	1151.44
ICDS Training	—	130.00	400.00

(b) and (c) The funds are being utilised for the purpose they were released. The progress of expenditure is being reviewed by the Department regularly.

Hike in Monthly Tuition Fee **in Central Schools**

4339. SHRI CM. IBRAHIM: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that monthly tuition fee in Central schools has been
raised from Rs. 50 to Rs. 100 for pre-secondary classes, with effect from 1st April, 2000;

(b) if so, the details of increases in fees so effected, and of increases effected earlier during the period since 1997; and

(c) the reasons for such hikes in fees?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI JAYSINGRAO GAIKWAD PATIL): (a) to (c) Kendrya Vidyalaya Sangathan runs two types of Vidyalayas *i.e.* (i) Civil and Defence Sector Vidyalayas which are financed by grants received from the Government of India and (ii) Project Vidyalayas which are financed by the Sponsoring Agency (as these Vidyalayas cater to the educational needs

of the employees of such an agency). No tuition fees is being charged for pre-secondary classes in the Kendriya Vidyalayas in Civil Sector. In respect of Kendriya Vidyalayas in project sector, Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan has permitted the sponsoring Authorities to prescribe the scales of fees to be charged from the students as they may consider appropriate from Academic Session 2000-2001.

Losing Credibility of Examination System

4340. SHRIMATI JAYAPRADA NAHATA :

SHRI AMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that our school examination system is fast losing its credibility; and

(b) whether there is any proposal under government's consideration to review the existing system and if so, by when it is likely to be reviewed and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI JAYSING RAO GAIKWAD PATIL): (a) and (b) No, Sir, However, Examination Reforms in the field of School Education System is a continuous and on-going process. The national Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) and the National Level Boards of School Education like the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) and the Council for the Indian School Certificate Examinations (CISCE) have been constantly reviewing the existing Examination and Evaluation System and introducing steps with a view to enhance its credibility and to ensure that the Examination System is not only a valid and reliable measure of student's development but it is a powerful instrument for improving the process of teaching and learning also.

Visits of trained Computer Operators to Primary Schools

4341. DR. RAJA RAMANNA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering the possibility of arranging visits by trained computer operators, with their equipment to various primary schools at regular intervals to make them computer minded; and

(b) if so, whether instructions in mathematics and use of alphabets can thus be introduced in a more modern way and it would help to wipe out illiteracy in a shorter time by the use of modified/simplified scripts, which can be introduced by the computer?